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The Patriotism of Peace

President Hoover, speaking on behalf of the Boy Scout Movement, recently said:

The priceless treasure of boyhood is his endless enthusiasm, his store of high idealism and his fragrant hopes. His is the plastic period when indelible impressions must be made if we are to continue a successful democracy. We assure ourselves that the cure of illiteracy and the fundamentals of education are the three R's—readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic. To this we must add one more R and that is responsibility—responsibility to the community—if we are not to have illiteracy in government. The conviction that every person in the Republic owes a service to the Republic; that the Republic rests solely upon the willingness of every one in it to bear his part of the duties and obligations of citizenship is as important as the ability to read and write—that is the only patriotism of peace.

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GETTING SUMMER CAMP READY

Rue Miller and His Gang to Have Owasippe Completely Prepared for Opening Day, July 7th

The past six weeks have been busy ones for Rue Miller, who superintends the preparation of Owasippe for the campers.

The picture shows the crew that is helping to get everything ready for the opening day. Last year the campers who arrived on the first day found everything completely ready.

From the woods around beautiful Big Blue and Crystal Lakes, Rue sends a message by a recent visitor to the camp.

"Tell the boys and the leaders that my gang'll have everything ready for opening. We started just when the last snow left the ground and we'll be occupied right up to the last minute."

Tell them that everything's in fine shape. All the mess halls and buildings have been painted outside and look 'spick and span'—green with white trim. The kitchens are resplendent in new white coats.

We've put in new dish closets for every table, built fly-proof garbage cages, put in new hot water plants at every camp that'll provide boiling water for dishwashing and we've installed shower baths so that boys won't go home dirty. There are lots of other new improvements around.

Then we've built ten new rowboats that are jim-dandies; Checaugau and Blackhawk have brand new piers; a shipment of one hundred and twenty brand new 10 x 12 wall tents (for Scouts) and 12 x 14 tents (for leaders) is expected in a few days so that we'll have practically all brand new canvas of the style that everyone liked last year. Camp West's got a whole new layout.

Belnap has a new water system with drinking fountain. Checaugau and Blackhawk have a new electric plant that serves both with lights in the mess halls and automatic water pumps. Several new trucks have taken the place of our old pieces of junk and will improve G. H. Q. service. The pianos at West and Beard have been replaced.

There's a lot of equipment been shipped up here that I haven't investigated fully that looks like program supplies. There are canoe paddles and hiking tents, and ground clothes and tepees for that new man, who, I hear, is going to teach Indian Lore at this summer camp.

We've got a million and one small jobs to do to make everybody happy and comfortable, and they are too many to tell about. But I hope a lot of men are coming up on the Leader's trip over Memorial Day to visit us and see what we're doing in the way of improving Owasippe."

Scouts are continuing with the Clean Up Campaign by collecting milk bottles. A previous announcement gave the details of this collection. This is in cooperation with the Chicago Association of Commerce and the Milk Council. The Camp Scholarship that is being given will be awarded through the Camping Committee.

TRIBUNE BOY SCOUT CANOE TRIP

— 1930 —

The first announcement of the 1930 canoe trip down the Tippecanoe River, appeared in the May 3rd issue of Toolbox.

However, we neglected to state that only Scouts between the ages of sixteen and seventeen years are eligible to go. Last year a mighty fine crew of older fellows made the Muskegon River trip, and many of these have already signified their intentions of being with the party again this year.

Bob Becker, as in former years, will again head the party as the Big Chief,—and he promises to give everyone plenty of fishing, paddling and eats.

Scouts over sixteen and under eighteen years who are interested should phone the Activities Department as soon as possible.

Dates of trip: July 5th to 12th inclusive.

Cost—\$18.00 fee, plus railroad fare one way (approximately \$3.00).

The Chicago Tribune will bear all the extra costs, including the return transportation.

REGISTRATIONS FOR SUMMER CAMP ARE NOW OPEN

The Owasippe Scout Camps, summer camps of the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, are now accepting registrations.

Troops planning to attend under leadership should fill out troop application. Individual application should be filed for each boy together with reservation fee of \$1.00 per Scout per period, and these should accompany individual application. Scouts attending as individuals should file applications accompanied with reservation fee of \$1.00 per period.

THE CAMP BOOKLETS have been mailed to every Scout and Leader. Now is the psychological time to

PUSH CAMPING FOR YOUR TROOP

THE LEADERS WEEK-END AT OWASIPPE

Reservations are rolling in for the leaders trip to Owasippe. Some men are registering for the entire period of May 30th (Friday), May 31st (Saturday) and June 1st (Sunday).

Others are only booking for part of the time. The cost is \$7.50 for full period of three days; \$6.00 for two days (either Friday and Saturday, or Saturday and Sunday). If railroad transportation is not used a deduction of \$3.00 may be made from the above amounts. Most of the men will use the special coaches, but some are using Pullman, the cost of which is \$2.40 or \$3.00 additional.

If you don't have full information, write, phone or call and a copy of last week's Tool Box outlining full details will be sent you together with an application which should be sent back with \$3. Train schedules will also be sent.

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The Chicago Fire Department and the Chicago Daily News have invited the Scouts of Chicago to attend the Fire Show, free of charge, Saturday afternoon, May 24, in Soldiers' Field.

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SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

May 17, 1930

THE TECHNIQUE AND CAMP CRAFT CONTEST held last Saturday and Sunday, May 10th and 11th, at Camp Kiwanis South, was exceedingly interesting. The results were as follows:

Troop 645 - 31 points - Wm. P. Hassett, Scoutmaster
Troop 608 - 30 points - G. C. Primm, Scoutmaster
Troop 693 - 28 points - Stanley O'Carroll, Scoutmaster
Troop 631 - 16 points - A. Davis, Scoutmaster

Therefore, Troop 645 tightens its hold on the Reich Cup which came into its possession one year ago. There was great improvement in all the troops over the work of the last contest and it was particularly noticeable in the campcraft event. Troop 608 distinguished themselves in this work, as their program was exceedingly well planned. The spirit and competition was on a sportsman-like basis and all the teams are to be congratulated on the fine showing. The event was run under the direction of the Activities Committee and the Field Staff.

It is again brought to the attention of troops that Memorial Day is but two weeks away and that each troop should prepare to do some special community Good Turn out of respect to those who gave their lives in service. We have requests for boys to do service at 3 or 4 cemeteries and we will appreciate volunteers. In the Ridge Community there will be a parade under the auspices of the Beverly Hills Post #407. This parade will form at 110th Place and Longwood Drive, at 9:30, and from there proceed to Ridge Park where a short program will be presented. The boys of the Ridge made an excellent showing a year ago and it is hoped that they will turn out in even larger numbers this year. They should be in uniform and bring troop colors.

We know of several other groups who have already planned to aid in some sort of ceremony in connection with community projects.

**ANOTHER BIG COURT OF HONOR ON THURSDAY,
JUNE 19th, AT THE ENGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

Let's start preparing for this by getting in all the possible advancement at once. In addition to the Boards of Review on Monday night, May 19th, special arrangements may be made by troops for a special Board of Review in cases

where there are 10 or more boys guaranteed. Notice must be in our hands at least five days in advance in order to make arrangements for such special Boards of Review. Individual merit badges will be credited to troops up until May 31st. Star, Life, Eagle and Palm advancement closes with the last Court of Review held on May 14th.

Six patrols took part in the recent Camp-O-Rall at Camp Kiwanis South, under the direction of Al Nichols and Roy Alm. The boys got some very valuable experience in Campcraft. Johnny Green was there and was pretty awkward in some of his stunts but before the session was over he had a knowledge of camping that made him look like a different boy. "Kid Experience" is a great teacher.

The Pine Tree Patrol made up of the following scouts was awarded first place as the best camping outfit: Scouts M. Burns, A. Peiry, J. Gustufsen, O. Hendricks, J. Newby, A. Pandel, Otis Segler, K. Thompson, R. Fitzgibbon. We congratulate them on their fine work and also extend this hearty word of commendation to all the boys who took part in the event.

Mr. Scoutmaster, if your troop re-registration is in arrears will you not make a special effort to send it in within the next few days. Boys are not eligible to receive credit for advancement or take part in district events when their troop re-registration is in arrears. In addition to these reasons, a scout troop should be an organization that does not delay in transacting its business.

Troops who compete for Court of Honor awards must have at least 25 scouts registered and in good standing on May 31st. The basis of computation will be the same as that released in a special bulletin on January 1st.

The Sea Scout Ship Farragut otherwise known as 1600 won 2nd place in the competition for the Regional Flagship. This ship has a varied program and its members are always on the alert to co-operate and undertake new forms of service. M.A. Johnson is skipper.

We are very much pleased at the great number of troops that are getting into the open for hikes and overnight camping. Please co-operate with Headquarters in making arrangements in advance for Camp Kiwanis South, securing a permit and complying with the necessary rules that make it possible to serve a great number of boys each week-end.

Samples of the new Patrol envelope are included in the Scoutmasters' bulletins this week. These are available for the use of the troops of our District. We hope that every troop will take advantage of this system or at least one similar to it in order that they may train the boys to keep more accurate accounts of their achievements.

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